

HOUSE BILL 2996
By Kent

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 48, Chapter 101, relative to an annual event operated for the benefit of the March of Dimes located in Tennessee pursuant to Article XI, Section 5 of the Constitution of Tennessee.

WHEREAS, Article XI, Section 5 of the Constitution of Tennessee provides, in pertinent part:

All other forms of lottery not authorized herein are expressly prohibited unless authorized by a two-thirds vote of all members elected to each house of the general assembly for an annual event operated for the benefit of a 501(c)(3) organization located in this state, as defined by the 2000 United States Tax Code or as may be amended from time to time.

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WHEREAS, the general assembly desires to authorize certain §501(c)(3) organizations located in Tennessee to each operate, for its benefit, one annual lottery event in accordance with all applicable laws, rules and regulations; and

WHEREAS, the public welfare will benefit as a result of the funds raised for the benefit of each such §501(c)(3) organization from the annual event operated for its benefit; now, therefore
BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 48, Chapter 101, is amended by adding the following language as a new part:

Section 48-101-801.

(a) In accordance with Article XI, Section 5 of Constitution of Tennessee, the general assembly authorizes the annual lottery event described in subsection (b), to be operated for the benefit of the Tennessee chapter of the March of Dimes, to be

conducted in accordance with the description set forth in subsection(b) and in accordance with the requirements set forth in subsection (c).

(b) Raffle a prize of a value not to exceed two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000) and other lesser value prizes, through random drawings from numbered tickets, to be operated by and for the benefit of the March of Dimes. Sales of the raffle tickets may begin no more than twelve (12) months before the annual drawing which will be held in the month of November in each authorized year.

(c) With respect to the annual lottery event operated for its benefit, the March of Dimes shall fully and timely comply with all laws enacted by the state of Tennessee with respect to annual lottery events for the benefit of §501(c)(3) organizations located in this state and all rules and regulations promulgated thereunder.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring

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